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Proteins Involved In Homeostasis And Adaptation"

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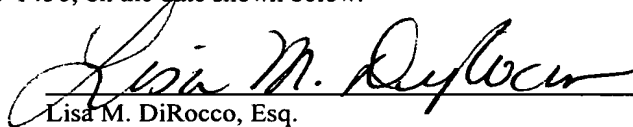
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application
as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper